norms and practices. They are also based upon the old documents and evidence at the sites.

Promotion of Tourism in Assam

2297. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the historical materials exposed after excavation of Maidaam No. 2 at Charaideo of Sivasagar District of Assam have not been properly preserved from the tourist interest point of view; and

(b) whether Government propose to take necessary action to preserve those to promote tourism to this region and interact with the ASI for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Historical materials exposed after excavation of Maidam No. 2 at Charaideo of Sivasagar District of Assam have been properly preserved and the area is being adequately developed from the tourist point of view. While some works such as construction of boundary wall and fencing, toilet block, parking and providing drinking water have been completed, some works are in progress.

Monuments of national importance

2298. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments declared as monuments of national importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Andhra Pradesh and other Southern States, State-wise and monument-wise;

(b) what facilities have been provided by ASI for tourist in and around these monuments; and

(c) what efforts are being made for the conservation of these monuments of South India?